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SUBJECT: LINER SHIPPING DISCUSSIONS

1. THIS WEEK, STEVEN SHEFLER WILL BE PARTICIPATING AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. DELEGATION DISCUSSING MAJOR CHANGES IN LINER SHIPPING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO EUROPEAN-U.S. TRADE. CERTAIN OF THE DELEGATES AT THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE MEETING WITH YOU NEXT WEEK. SHEFLER UNDERSTANDS THAT MR. DALSTO, THE SENIOR MARITIME OFFICIAL OF NORWAY, AND MR. WORM, THE SENIOR MARITIME OFFICIAL OF DENMARK WILL MEET WITH YOU.

2. THE DISCUSSIONS TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON ARE THE FIRST MAJOR TALKS WITH EUROPEAN TRADING PARTNERS OVER BASIC DIFFERENCES IN LINER ECONOMIC REGULATIONS. NO SUCH DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD BY PRIOR ADMINISTRATIONS. THE BASIC CONFLICT IS BETWEEN U.S. ANTITRUST POLICY AND
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EUROPEAN APPROVAL OF CARTELS AND RATIONALIZATION. BECAUSE THE U.S.G. HAS CONVENED A GRAND JURY WHICH MAY INDICT EUROPEAN CARRIERS FOR ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS, THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL FRICTION GENERATED BETWEEN KEY PARTIES WITH A CLEAR NEED TO COMPROMISE OUR BASIC DIFFERENCES. THE EUROPEANS SEE THE CURRENT STATUS QUO AS A LUDICROUS SITUATION WHERE THEIR CARRIERS MAY BE INDICTED FOR CONDUCT WHICH

IS LEGAL IN THEIR COUNTRIES. THE PURPOSE OF THESE TALKS
IS TO TAKE THE FIRST STEPS TOWARD A NEW STRUCTURE WHICH
CAN BE AGREED ON BY THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS. THIS WILL
REQUIRE COMPROMISE BY THE UNITED STATES. DOT
IS PLAYING A VERY MAJOR ROLE IN THIS PROCESS. VANCE

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